GLE20-3.4
Possessive Nouns

What is a possessive noun?

Possessive nouns show different types of ownership. They may refer to something we possess, or they may refer to something that is part of us (ex. our bodies, our emotions)

Forming the possessive of singular nouns

To make singular nouns possessive, simply add

‘s

Examples:

the food of the fish = the fish *'s* food

the claw of the lobster = the lobster *'s* claw

You try -

- the tail of the whale

  a. the whales tails

  b. the whales' tail

  c. the whale's tail

Oops!
ry again.

Good Job!

Remember!

Whale is a singular noun.

Singular nouns are made possessive by adding ‘s.

Now…

Forming the possessive of <u>plural nouns</u>

There are **2** ways to make plural nouns possessive.

Rule #1

If the plural noun ends in “s” simply add an apostrophe

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Examples:

the teeth of the sharks = the sharks ‘ teeth

the pearls of the oysters = the oysters ‘ pearls

You try -

- the claws of the lobsters

  a. the lobsters claw

  b. the lobsters' claws

  c. the lobster's claws

Oops!
ry again.

Good Job!

Remember!

Lobsters is a plural noun and ends in s.

Plural nouns that end in s are made possessive by adding an apostrophe.

Rule #2

If the plural noun does not end in “s” add

‘s

Examples:

the babies of the salmon = *the salmon 's babies*

the fish of the children = *the children 's fish*

You try -

- the boats of the men

  a. the men's boats

  b. the man's boats

  c. the mens' boats

Oops!
ry again.

Good Job!

Remember!

Men is a plural noun and doesn't end in s.
Plural nouns that do not end in s are made possessive by adding 's.

Try these!

- the gear of the scuba divers

  a. the scuba divers' gear

  b. the scuba's diver gear

  c. the scuba diver's gear

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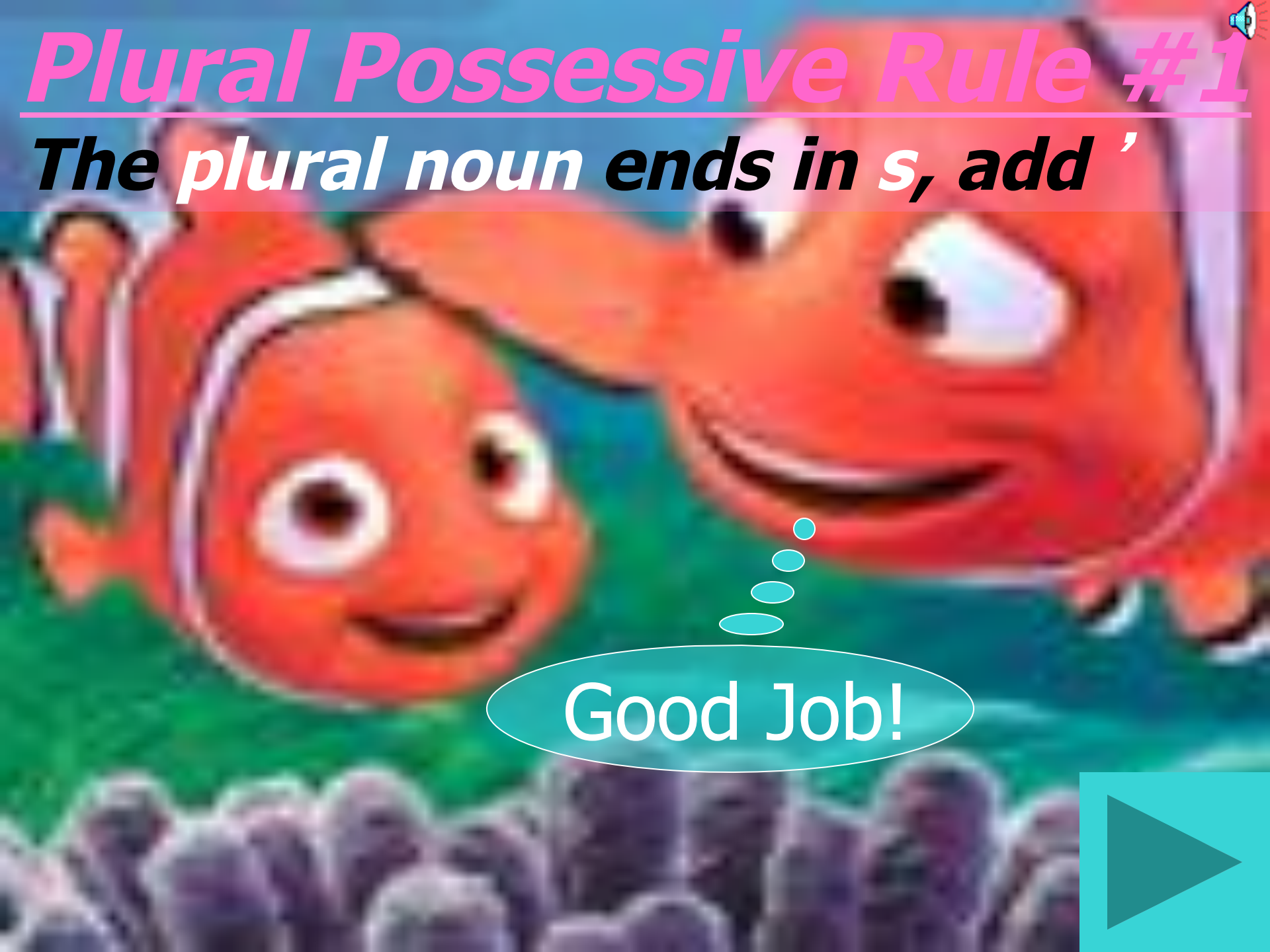
Plural Possessive Rule #1

The plural noun ends in s, add ’



- the home of the fish

  a. the fishes' homes

  b. the fish's home

  c. the home's fish

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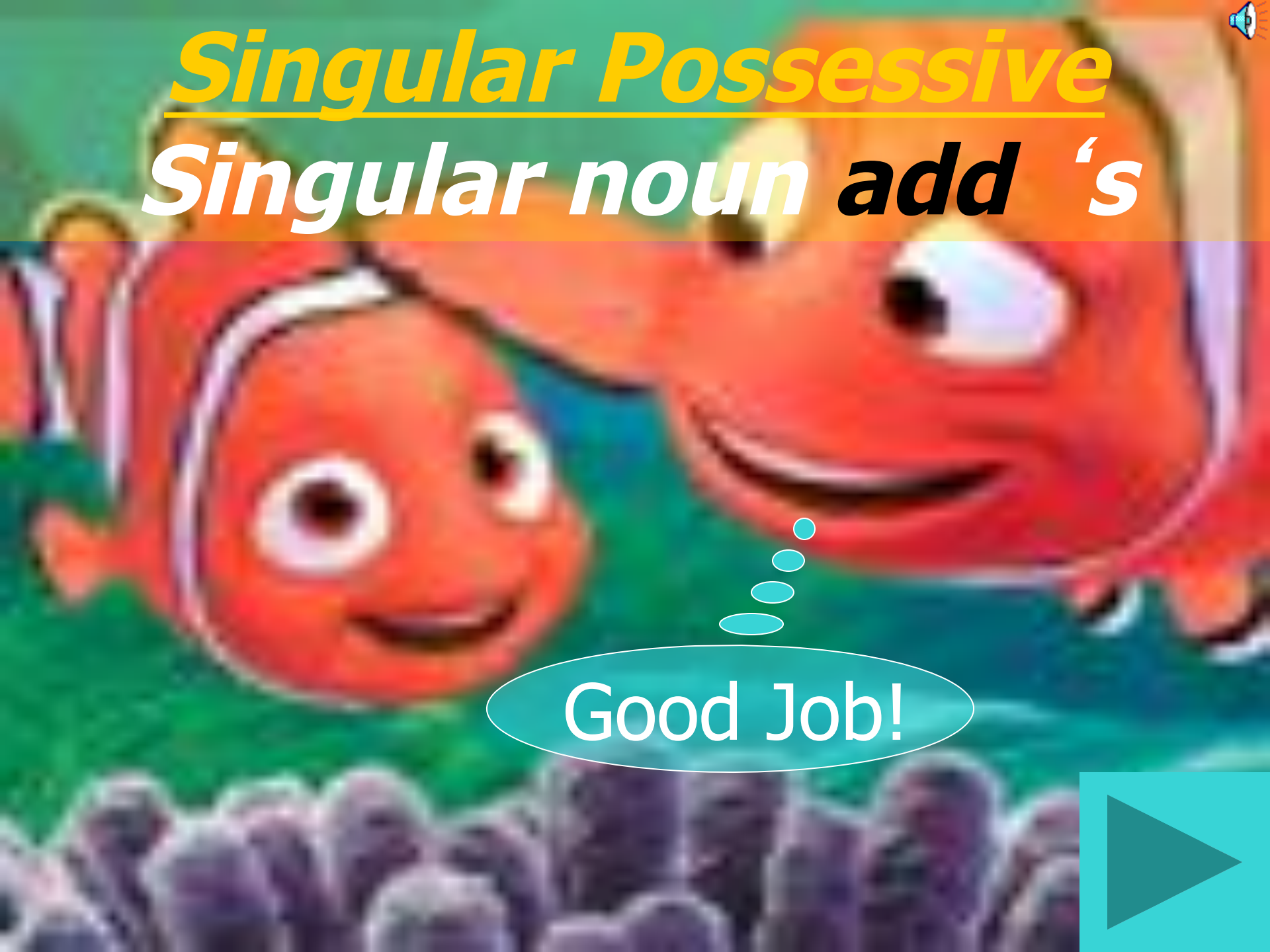
Singular Possessive

Singular noun add ‘s



- the voices of the dolphins

a. the dolphin’s voice

b. the dolphins’ voices

c. the dolphins’ voice

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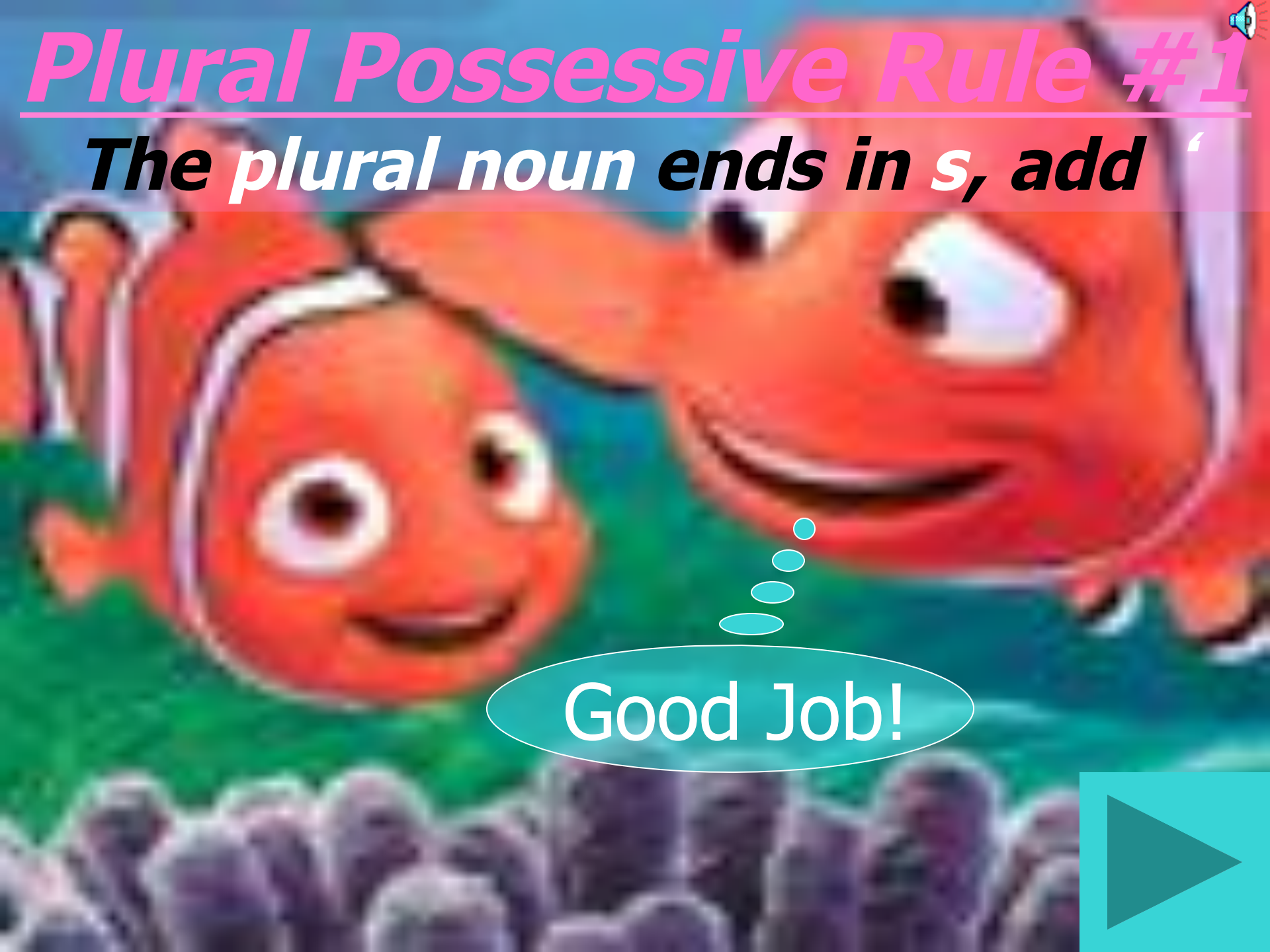
Plural Possessive Rule #1

The plural noun ends in s, add ‘



- the tentacles of the octopus

a. the octopus's tentacles

b. the octopuses' tentacles

c. the octopus' tentacles

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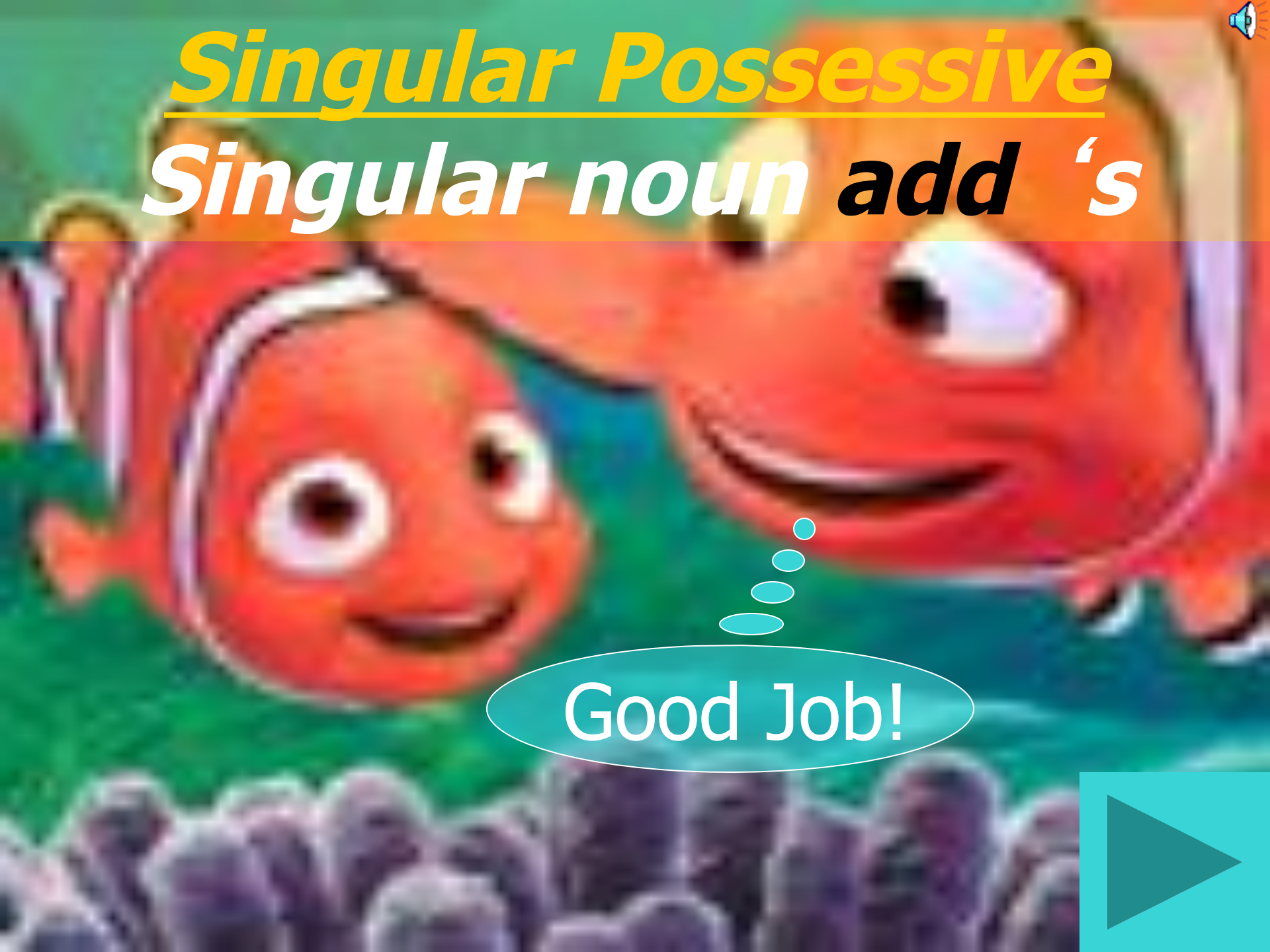
Singular Possessive

Singular noun add ‘s



- the fish tanks of the children

  a. the childrens' fish tanks

  b. the children's fish tanks

  c. the children's fish tank

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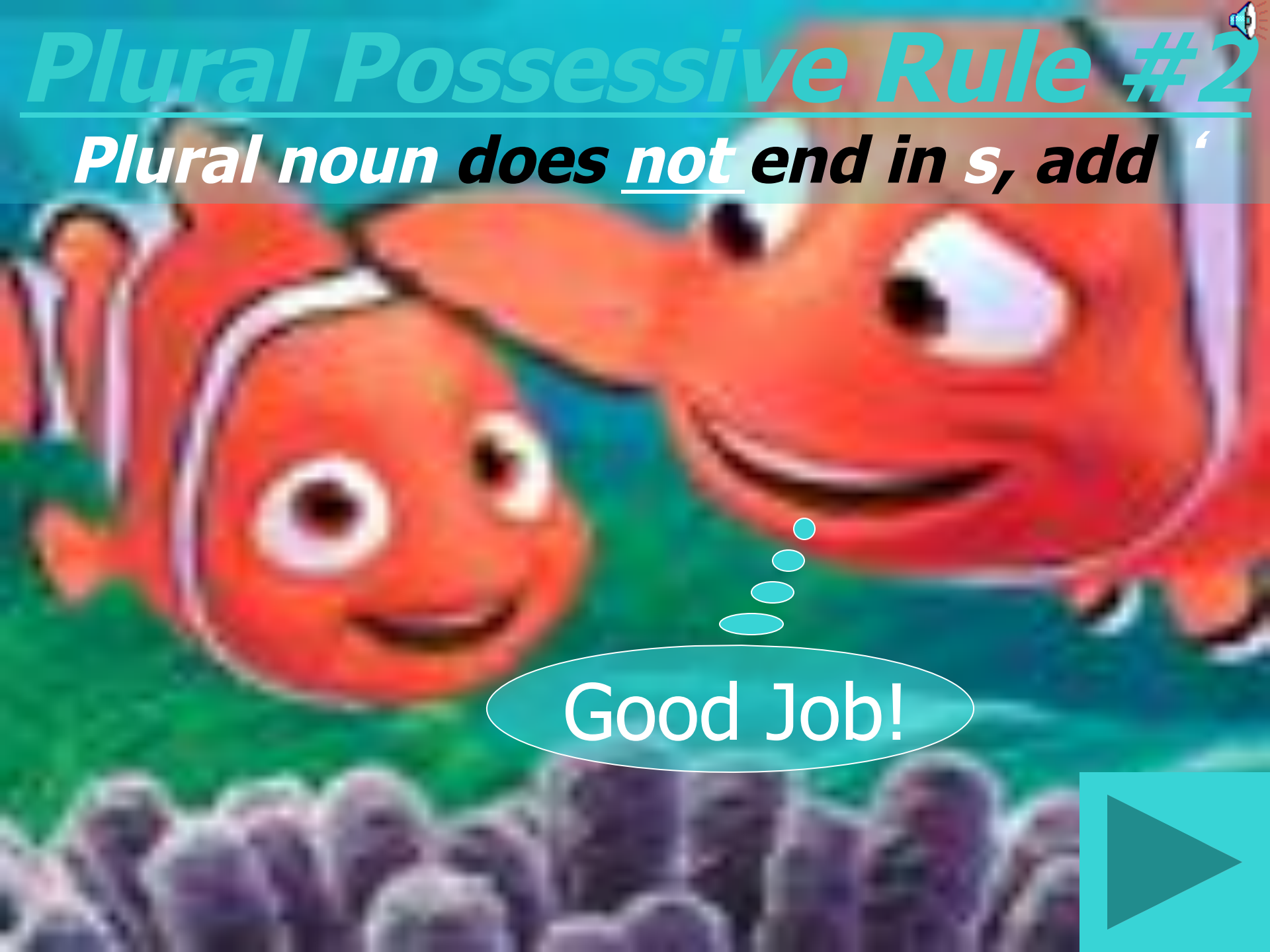
Plural Possessive Rule #2

Plural noun does <u>not</u> end in s, add ‘



- the beauty of the coral reef

  a. the coral reefs' beauty

  b. the coral's reef beauty

  c. the coral reef's beauty

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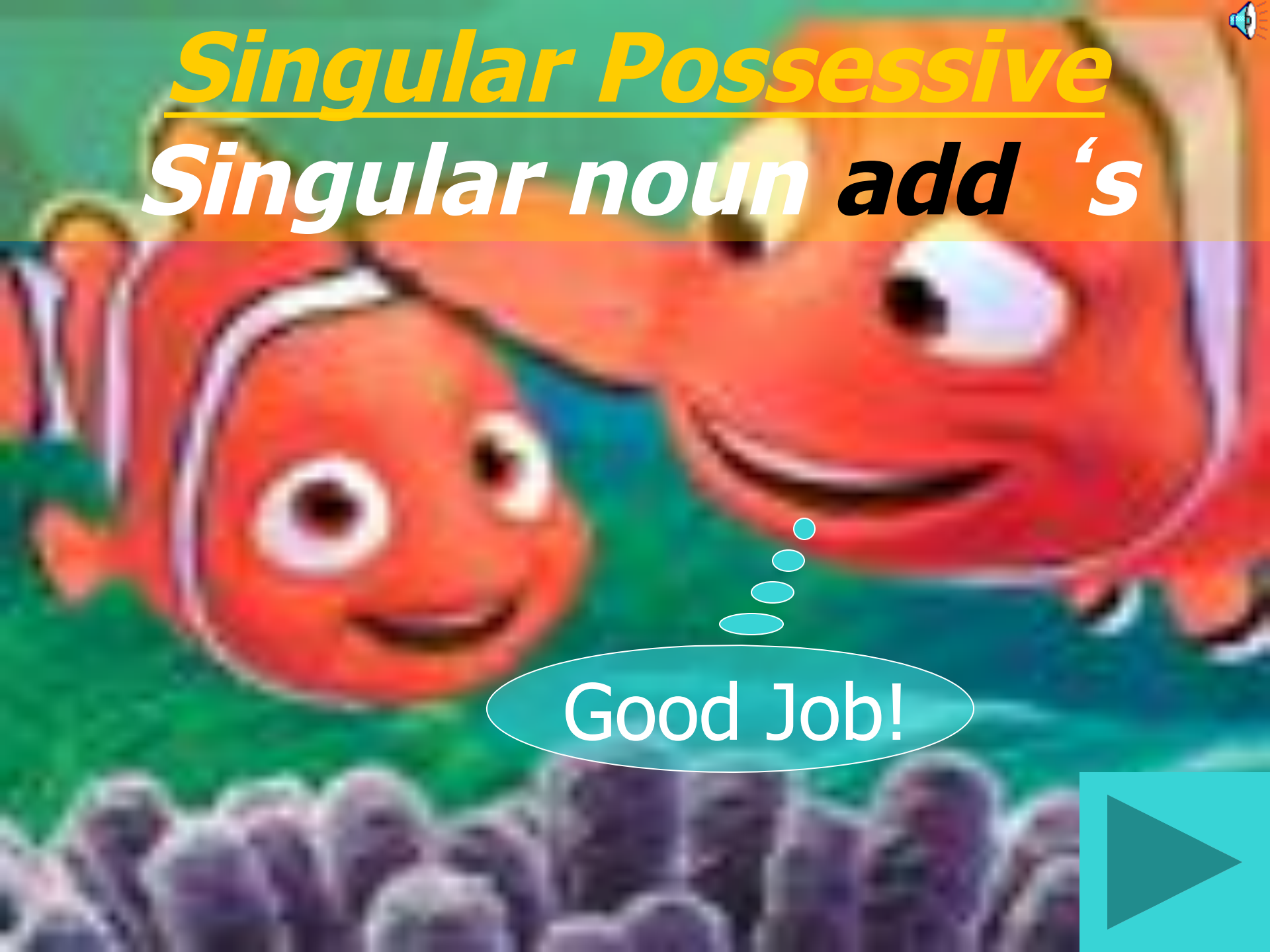
Singular Possessive

Singular noun add ‘s



How did you do?

Now…

Let’ s check your understanding.

1.Go to the web link below.
www.wecosoft.com/school/english/nouns2.htm
2.Complete the 6 questions about possessive nouns. Print your results.
3.Add your name to the upper right hand corner. Turn in to Mrs. Graham.
4.Close the webpage and go to the next slide.

Click Here to Start Over

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